



GIRLS ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP ACADEMY: DR. MICHELLE KING SCHOOL FOR STEM
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ACCREDITATION

Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) - 6 years

RECOGNITIONS

- California Distinguished School
- Educational Results Partnership Honor Roll: High Achieving School
- Top 20 High Schools in CA (US News & World Reports)
- Top 1% of Middle and High Schools in California (niche.com)
- CA Senate, CA Assembly, LA City Council, LA Mayor's Office

AWARDS

- College Board AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award, 7 years
- MATE Underwater Roving Competitions (1st and 3rd)
- MS Robotics, Lego Team City
- HS Robotics, First Tech Challenge Regional Award
- MS Pentathlon
- Gold Level National Math Club
- Mock Trial State Competitors
- National Merit Scholars
- Questbridge & Posse Scholars
- NCWIT Student/Teacher Awards
- SAMPE STEM Teacher Award
- CIF City Championships: Volleyball, Soccer, Tennis
- CIF Sports Scholar Athletes

MEMBERSHIPS

- International Coalition of Girls' Schools
- Student Leadership Network

FACULTY

- 36 fully-credentialed teachers, most hold advanced degrees

FACILITIES

Architecture Studio, Field & Track, Graphic Arts Studio, Library, Multi-Purpose Room, Robotics Field, Stage Performing Space, Wellness Room, Zen Garden

TUITION

GALA is a public school, tuition-free and donation dependent. No student is admitted or denied based on financial capacity.

2024-2025 GALA SCHOOL PROFILE

DESCRIPTION:

Girls Academic Leadership Academy (GALA): Dr. Michelle King School for STEM is the first and only PUBLIC all-girls STEM school in LAUSD and California. GALA serves 6th-12th grades. Established in 2016, GALA is a leader in student achievement; girls have the opportunity to excel in academics with a focus on STEM, leadership, and social-emotional skills. Our pillars are excellence, leadership, wellness, and honor. We welcome all girls who are committed to a rigorous college-prep curriculum. GALA is a Title 1 school with **100% graduation**.

ADMISSIONS:

GALA is an LAUSD Admission Criteria public school. GALA is not a charter and not a magnet. New student admission is by application on the GALA website October 1-November 15.

6th Grade: 104 new students admitted 9th Grade: 0-20 new students admitted
 7th Grade: 0-10 new students admitted. 10th Grade: 0-10 new students admitted
 8th Grade: 0-10 new students admitted 11th Grade: 0-10 new students admitted

SCHOOL SCHEDULE:

Hours: Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursday, Fridays 8:30am-3:35pm and Tuesdays 8:30am-2:35pm

Academic Schedule: GALA features an Advisory period and seven periods. We follow an alternating block schedule with A-days (periods 1, 3, 5) and B-days (periods 2, 4, 6). Each day includes a morning Advisory and three 90-minute block classes. The 7th period is a required elective, meeting one hour, four times a week.

REMOTE LEARNING GRADING POLICY:

In response to the COVID-19 crisis, LAUSD and GALA moved to remote learning March 2020, Hybrid in March 2021, and in-person August 2021. Grading policy: <https://achieve.lausd.net/ab104>

2024-2025 ENROLLMENT

Total (6th-12th): 720
 Middle School: 339
 High School: 381 Class of 2025: 83

2024-2025 ETHNICITY

29% Caucasian
 29% Latinx
 15% 2 or more ethnicities
 13% African American
 10% Asian
 2% Filipino, Pacific Islander
 2% Unknown

DEMOGRAPHICS

GALA students come from 84 different schools around Los Angeles and their families reside in 81 different zip codes.

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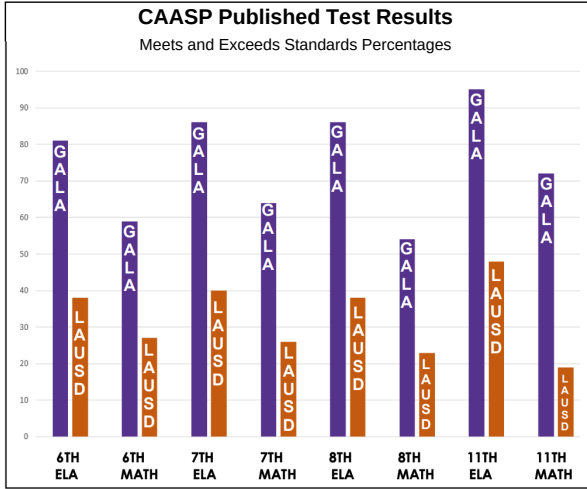
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In 2016, LAUSD aligned their graduation requirements with the A-G University of California minimum subject requirements. GALA requires girls to complete STEM courses above these so our students are best prepared for the rigor of college courses. GALA requires 2 years of Computer Science in high school, a graduation requirement unique to any other LAUSD school.

A-G	UC/HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS	UC/HS REQ. # OF YEARS	GALA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS	GALA REQ. # OF YEARS
A	Social Science	3	Social Science	3
B	English	4	English	4
C	Mathematics	3	Mathematics	4
D	Science	2	Science	4
E	Language Other Than English	2	Language Other Than English	2
F	Visual/Performing Arts	1	Visual/Performing Arts	1
G	College Prep Elective	1	College Prep Elective	1
	LAUSD EXTRA REQ		GALA EXTRA REQUIREMENTS	
	Physical Education	2	Physical Education	2
	Health (1 Semester)	1	Health (1 semester)	1
	Ethnic Studies (1 Semester)	1	Ethnic Studies (1 semester)	1
	Computer Science	0	Computer Science	2
	Advisory	0	Advisory	4

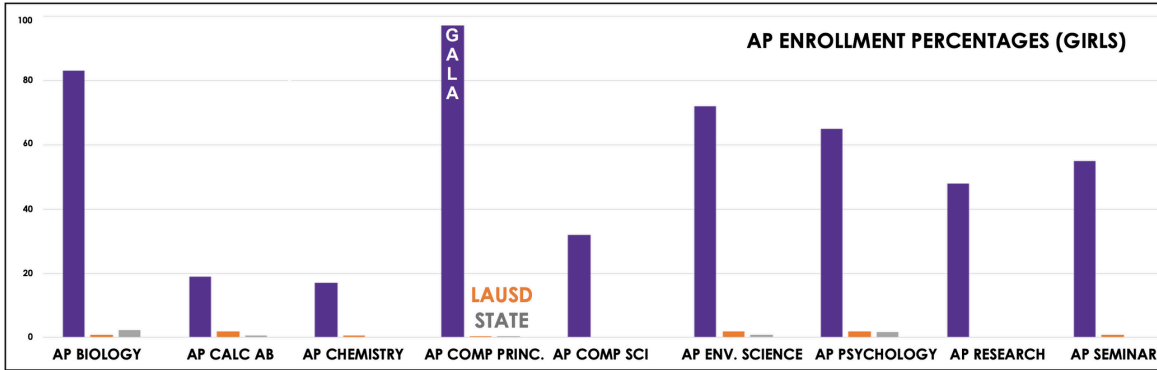
GALA TESTING INFORMATION

CALIFORNIA STANDARDIZED TESTS - All standards higher (some double) that of LAUSD and California averages. At the time of this printing, 2024 CAASP scores were not yet publicly available. The statistics below are from 2023.



CAASP TEST SCORES - 2023	
Meets and Exceeds Standards Results	
GR	ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS
6	GALA SCORE: 81% LAUSD SCORE: 38%
7	GALA SCORE: 86% LAUSD SCORE: 40%
8	GALA SCORE: 86% LAUSD SCORE: 38%
11	GALA SCORE: 95% LAUSD SCORE: 48%
MATHEMATICS	
6	GALA SCORE: 59% LAUSD SCORE: 27%
7	GALA SCORE: 64% LAUSD SCORE: 26%
8	GALA SCORE: 54% LAUSD SCORE: 23%
11	GALA SCORE: 72% LAUSD SCORE: 19%

ADVANCED PLACEMENT - GALA is changing educational gender norms of girls taking AP STEM classes. AP Computer Principals is required. GALA does not have grade pre-requisites for AP classes. Any student can take AP classes and the AP test if they are willing to do the academic rigor. 100% AP enrollment. All AP testing is free to GALA students.



STUDENT PSAT AND SAT TESTING

- PSAT: Tests administered free on the GALA campus for 8th - 11th grades for no fee.
- SAT: 11th Grade SAT tests administered on the GALA campus for no fee.

GRADING & COURSES

GRADE AND GPA SCALE

GALA uses a 4-point scale to calculate grade point averages. LAUSD augments weighted GPA by adding 0.025 for each AP/Honors course per semester.
A = 4.0 B = 3.0 C = 2.0 D = 1.0

EQUITY GRADING & INSTRUCTION

Equity, standards-based grading is a growth-mindset approach to teaching and learning, based on the expectation that everyone can learn when provided the right conditions and support. Students are evaluated on a 4-point rubric provided per standard in each academic class.

2024-2025 AP CLASSES

- AP African American Studies
- AP Biology
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Chemistry
- AP Computer Science A (Java)
- AP Computer Science Principles
- AP English Language & Composition
- AP English Literature & Composition
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Music Theory (added 2024-2025)
- AP Physics 1
- AP Psychology
- AP Research (Capstone)
- AP Seminar (Capstone)
- AP Statistics
- AP US Government & Politics
- AP US History
- AP World History

CIF HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

- Basketball
- Cheer
- Cross Country
- Flag Football
- Lacrosse
- Soccer
- Tennis
- Swim
- Track
- Volleyball

ARTS

- Architecture
- Art History
- Broadcast/Film
- Chorus
- Dance
- Graphic Arts
- Musical Theater
- Orchestra

2024-2025 ELECTIVES

- Aerospace
- Architecture Design
- Art History
- Broadcast
- Chemistry of Cooking
- Choir
- Computer Science
- Dance
- Engineering Dynamics
- Ethnic Studies
- Film Analysis
- Game Design
- Graphic Arts
- Graphic Design
- Horticulture
- Journalism
- Leadership
- Latin Amer. Studies
- Math Lab
- Music
- Musical Theater
- Robotics
- Spanish
- Speech & Debate
- Virtual Branding
- Weight Lifting
- Yearbook

6TH GRADE 10WK ELECTIVE WHEEL

- Aerospace, Intro to Computer Science, Creative Writing, Global Studies

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- A capella Choir
- Arts Festival
- ASB Leadership and Ambassadors
- UCLA / Beyond the Bell
- CIF High School Sports
- Clubs (student-led)
- College Prep
- Computer Science Honor Society
- Concerts for Music, Dance, Musical Theater
- Dances: 8th Gr, HS HoCo, 11th/12th Prom
- Earth Day, Pi Day, etc
- Field Trips
- Goddess Games
- National Honor Society
- Robotics Competition Teams (MS & HS)
- Talent Show
- Young Women's Career Conference

GALA CLASS OF 2024

100% GRADUATION
89 Students

OVER 5.5 MILLION DOLLARS
in Scholarships and Financial Aid (attending schools)

100% AP STUDENTS

4.6 GPA Valedictorians
4.08 GPA AVERAGE Class of 2024

98% COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE
86 Attending College
3 Gap Year

36% Girls Entering STEM in College

University/College Acceptances to 32 States, Washington D.C., and 4 Countries

China, England, Ireland, Scotland

6TH GRADE COURSE MAP

ENGLISH: CC English 6
HISTORY: World History: Anc. Civ.
MATH: CC Math 6
SCIENCE: Integrated Science 6
PHYSICAL EDUCATION
ELECTIVE WHEEL: Aerospace, Computer Science, Creative Writing, Ethnic Studies
7TH PERIOD ELECTIVE: Aerospace, Art History, Creative Writing, Dance, Ethnic Studies, Game Design, Graphic Arts, Journalism, Leadership, Math Lab, Robotics

7TH GRADE COURSE MAP

ENGLISH: CC English 7
HISTORY: World History: Medieval Modern
MATH: CC Math 7 or Accelerated CC Math 7/8
SCIENCE: Integrated Science 7 and Health
PHYSICAL EDUCATION
ELECTIVE - Computer Science, Exploring Architecture and Engineering, or Music
7TH PERIOD ELECTIVE: Aerospace, Exploring Architecture, Art History, Broadcast, Choir, Dance, Ethnic Studies, Game Design, Graphic Arts, Journalism, Leadership, Math Lab, Robotics, Spanish, Yearbook

8TH GRADE COURSE MAP

ENGLISH: CC English 8
HISTORY: US History
MATH: CC Math 8 or Algebra 1 (Prereq. accel. math) **SCIENCE:** Integrated Science 8
PHYSICAL EDUCATION
ELECTIVE - Chemistry of Cooking, Computer Science, Exploring Architecture and Engineering, Musical Theater, or Spanish.
7TH PERIOD ELECTIVE: Aerospace, Exp. Architecture, Art History, Broadcast, Choir, Dance, Ethnic Studies, Game Design, Graphic Arts, Journalism, Leadership, Math Lab, Robotics, Spanish, Yearbook

HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

HISTORY (A)

World History
 US History
 Econ & Government
AP World History
AP US History
AP US Government & Politics

ENGLISH (B)

English 9
 English 10
 American Lit/Cont.Comp.
 Adv Comp/Women in Lit.
AP English Language & Composition
AP English Literature

MATH (C)

Algebra 1
 Geometry
 Algebra 2
 Pre-Calculus
 Intro Data Science
AP Calculus AB
AP Statistics

SCIENCE (D)

Biology
 Chemistry
 Physics
 Physiology
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Physics 1
AP Environmental Science

LANGUAGE (E)

Spanish 1
 Spanish 2
 Spanish 3
 Spanish 4 (new 2024-2025)
 LACCD: Other languages

VISUAL/PERFORMING ART (F)

Architecture Design
 Dance
 Graphic Design
 Music (Choir, Musical Theater, Orchestra)
AP Music Theory

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Exploring Computer Science
AP Computer Principles (D)
AP Computer Science A (C)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Advance PE 1
 Advance PE 2
 Weightlifting
 CIF Sports:
 Basketball
 Cheer
 Cross Country
 Flag Football
 Lacrosse
 Soccer
 Swim
 Tennis
 Track
 Volleyball

AP ELECTIVES

AP African American Studies
AP Psychology
AP Research
AP Seminar

LAUSD REQUIREMENTS

Health (1 semester)
 Ethnic Studies (1 semester)

HIGH SCHOOL ELECTIVES

Architecture Design
 Architecture Engineering Dynamics
 Broadcast
 Choir
 Dance
 Film Analysis
 Graphic Design
 Horticulture
 Latin American Studies
 Leadership
 Musical Theater
 Robotics
 Speech & Debate
 Virtual Branding & Design
 Weightlifting
 Yearbook

NOTE:
 LACCD LOTE courses are typically equivalent to 2 years of high school courses.

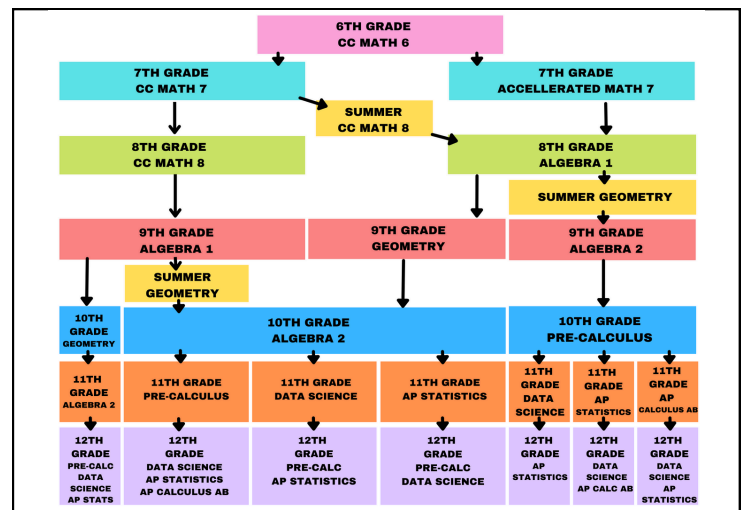
GALA MATH FLOW CHART

Students can accelerate in math beginning in 7th grade. Acceleration is based on the student's willingness to the academic rigor and teacher recommendation.

The math chart illustrates the possible math trajectories at GALA.

Course Handbook: www.galacademy.org/academics

Math Chart: www.galacademy.org/math



MATRICULATION TO COLLEGE - CLASS OF 2024



The first three graduating classes (2020, 2021, 2022) attended GALA 9th-12th grades. The first graduating class of students attending full-span (6th-12th grades) was the Class of 2023. 89 students in the Class of 2024 were accepted to colleges in 32 states, Washington D.C., and 4 countries. In the list of 2024 college acceptances below, every school denoted in bold has a Class of 2024 graduate attending. A parenthesis denotes multiple students attending.

Adelphi University
 Agnes Scott College
 Alabama State University
 AMDA College of the Performing Arts - Los Angeles
 American University
Amherst College
 Arizona State University-Tempe
Bard College
 Barnard College
 Bennington College
 Boston University
 Bowie State University
 Brandeis University
Cal Poly SLO (2)
 California Lutheran University
 California State Polytechnic University-Humboldt
California State Polytechnic University-Pomona
California State University-Channel Islands
 California State University-Chico
 California State University-Dominguez Hills
California State University-East Bay
 California State University-Fresno
California State University-Fullerton (2)
California State University-Long Beach
 California State University-Los Angeles
 California State University-Monterey Bay
California State University-Northridge (2)
 California State University-Sacramento
 California State University-San Bernardino
 California State University-San Marcos
 Canisius University
Carleton College (2)
 Carnegie Mellon University
 Case Western Reserve University
Chapman University
 Clark Atlanta University
 Clark University
 Colgate University
 College of Charleston
 Colorado College
Columbia University
 Dean College
 Dickinson College
 Drew University
 Drexel University
Duke Kunshan University
 Fisk University
 Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
 Fordham University
 George Mason University

Georgetown University
 Gonzaga University
 Grambling State University
 Grand Canyon University
Hampshire College
 Hampton University
 Hawaii Pacific University
 Hofstra University
 Howard University
 Illinois Institute of Technology
 Indiana University-Bloomington
Johns Hopkins University
 Kenyon College
 Knox College
 Lawrence University
 Lesley University
 Lewis & Clark College
 Long Island University - Post
Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College
Loyola Marymount University
 Loyola University Chicago
Marist College
 Marquette University
 Marymount Manhattan College
 Massachusetts College of Art and Design
 Michigan State University
Middlebury College (2)
 Morgan State University
Mount Holyoke College
 Mount Saint Mary's University
 Muhlenberg College
 New York University
 Norfolk State University
 North Carolina A & T State University
Northeastern University
 Northwestern University
Oberlin College
Occidental College
 Oklahoma State University
 Oregon State University
 Pace University
 Pennsylvania State University-Penn State
Pepperdine University
Pitzer College
 Prairie View A & M University
Pratt Institute
Purdue University
Reed College
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
 Rochester Institute of Technology
San Diego State University
 San Francisco State University

San Jose State University
 Santa Clara University
 Savannah College of Art and Design
 Seton Hall University
 Simmons University
 Southern California Inst. of Architecture
 Spelman College
 Stevens Institute of Technology
 Stony Brook University
 SUNY at Purchase College
 SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
Syracuse University
 The George Washington University
 The New School
 Trinity College
Trinity College Dublin
 Trinity Washington University
 Tulane University
 Tuskegee University
 Union College (NY)
 University College Dublin
University College London
 University of Arizona
University of California-Berkeley (5)
University of California-Davis (3)
 University of California-Irvine
University of California-LA (3)
 University of California-Merced
University of California-Riverside (4)
University of California-San Diego (2)
University of California-Sta Barbara (2)
University of California-Santa Cruz (9)
 University of Colorado Boulder
 University of Connecticut
 University of Delaware
University of Denver
University of Hawaii at Manoa
 University of Houston
 University of La Verne
 University of Maryland-College Park
 University of Massachusetts-Amherst
 University of Massachusetts-Boston
 University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
 University of Nevada-Las Vegas
 University of North Carolina-Asheville
 University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
 University of North Dakota
University of Oregon (2)
 University of Pittsburgh
 University of Puget Sound
 University of Rhode Island
 University of San Diego

University of San Francisco
University of Southern California (3)
 University of St Andrews
 University of the Pacific
 University of Vermont
 University of Virginia
University of Washington-Seattle (2)
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Vassar College
 Virginia Commonwealth University
 Washington State University
 Washington University in St Louis
Wesleyan University
 Western Washington University
 Whitman College
 Whittier College
 Willamette University
 William & Mary
 Woodbury University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
 Xavier University of Louisiana
Yale University

GALA CLASSES OF 2020-2023 WERE ALSO ACCEPTED TO THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS:

Boston College
 Brown University
 California Institute of Technology
 Claremont McKenna College
 Cornell University
 Dartmouth College
 DePaul University
 Duke University
 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
 Emerson College
 Harvey Mudd College
 McGill University
 New School for Architecture
 School of the Art Inst. of Chicago
 SoCal Institute of Architecture
 Tufts University
 University of Pennsylvania
 Wellesley College
 Wiley College

